

# FAQs on Kit Cars

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**What is a kit car and how is it classified?** A kit car is interpreted as being an unregistered vehicle under Section 130, Finance Act 1992 as amended which is usually an EU Category M1 and constructed from a mixture of parts some of which are supplied unassembled in kit form. In general, the kit will include a variety of body panels and may include a new chassis that must be assembled. The mechanics e.g. engine, motor and trim etc. are usually obtained from another vehicle to enable the process to be completed.

**Does a kit car require type approval?** Yes. The National Standards Authority of Ireland ([NSAI](#)) is Ireland's appointed approval authority and is responsible for issuing individual vehicle approval (IVA) or national small series type approval (NSSTA) for brand new unregistered vehicles in Ireland.

**How do I register a home-built kit car?** You will need to contact [Revenue](#).

**Do kit cars require roadworthiness testing?** Yes. These vehicles will be subject to testing at NCT. Where a kit car is presented for NCT testing and is outside the scope of type approval, i.e. manufactured before type approval dates or modified post registration, an automotive engineer's report should be provided stating details such as the make, year of manufacture of the engine and the exhaust emission values stated by engine manufacturer. Check type approval dates for vehicle categories at this [link](#).

**Where do I locate an automotive engineer or assessor?** You can contact The Institute of Automotive Engineer Assessors ([IAEA](#)) who may be able to provide you with a list of mechanical engineers in your area.

**Do kit cars require driving licence, tax and insurance?** Yes.

- For appropriate driving licence required click [licence categories](#)
- For motor tax related issues contact your local [motor tax office](#) and
- for insurance matters contact your insurance provider.

### **What regulations govern use of kit cars on Irish roads?**

All vehicles in use on Irish roads must comply with the regulations\* linked below. The owner or driver must ensure that the vehicle is kept in a safe and roadworthy condition at all times and that all parts and equipment must be in proper working order and must not present a danger to any road user. An Garda Síochána are responsible for the enforcement of road traffic legislation.

[S.I. No. 190 of 1963](#) – Road Traffic Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles Regulations 1963 (As Amended)

[S.I. No. 5 of 2003](#) - Road Traffic Construction and Use of Vehicles Regulations 2003 (As Amended)

[S.I. No. 189 of 1963](#) – Road Traffic Lighting of Vehicles Regulations (1963 As Amended)

\*Please note that these regulations are in original format and amendments can be viewed on <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/>